| 1 | * Sec. 2. The following appropriation items are for operating expenditures from the general |
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| 2 | fund or other funds as set out in the fiscal year 2014 budget summary by funding source to the |
| 3 | state agencies named and for the purposes set out in the new legislation for the fiscal year |
| 4 | beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014, unless otherwise indicated. The |
| 5 | appropriations in this section fund legislation assumed to have passed during the first session |
| 6 | of the twenty-eighth legislature. If a measure listed in this section fails to pass and its |
| 7 | substance is not incorporated in some other measure, or is vetoed by the governor, the |
| 8 | appropriation for that measure shall be reduced accordingly. |
| 9 | |
| 10 | SB 95 STATE EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS |
| 11 | Salary adjustments, increments, and geographic pay differentials for non-covered employees, |
| 12 | as described in SB 95 and accompanying fiscal notes, are included in section 1 of this Act. |
| 13 | The fiscal note totals for SB 95 are \$48,800 of unrestricted general funds and \$51,500 of other |
| 14 | state funds. |
| 15 | Appropriation |
| 16 | *** Total New Legislation Funding *** |
| 17 | (SECTION 3 OF THIS ACT BEGINS ON THE NEXT PAGE) |

2013 Legislature - Operating Budget Agency Summary with Funding - Conf Com Structure

Numbers and Language Mental Health Funds

| | [1] | [2] | [3] | [4] | |
|----------------------------|-----------|----------|----------|---------------------|--|
| | All Funds | Genera1 | Other | Federal SB95 TOT | |
| Agency | SB95_TOT | SB95_T0T | SB95_T0T | | |
| Agency Budgets | | | | | |
| Administration | 12.2 | 12.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | |
| Corrections | 6.2 | 6.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | |
| Health & Social Services | 27.3 | 23.7 | 3.6 | 0.0 | |
| Law | 4.1 | 4.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | |
| Natural Resources | 27.6 | 0.0 | 27.6 | 0.0 | |
| Revenue | 22.9 | 2.6 | 20.3 | 0.0 | |
| Total | 100.3 | 48.8 | 51.5 | 0.0 | |
| Statewide Total | 100.3 | 48.8 | 51.5 | 0.0 | |
| Funding Summary | | | | | |
| Unrestricted General (UGF) | 48.8 | 48.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | |
| Other State Funds (Other) | 51.5 | 0.0 | 51.5 | 0.0 | |

2013 Legislature - Operating Budget Statewide Totals with Funding - Conf Com Structure

Numbers and Language Mental Health Funds

| | [1] All Funds SB95_TOT | [2] General SB95_TOT | [3] Other SB95 TOT | [4] Federal SB95 TOT |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Total | 100.3 | 48.8 | 51.5 | 0.0 |
| Funding Sources | | | | |
| 1037 GF/MH (UGF) | 48.8 | 48.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 1092 MHTAAR (Other) | 31.2 | 0.0 | 31.2 | 0.0 |
| 1094 MHT Admin (Other) | 20.3 | 0.0 | 20.3 | 0.0 |
| Funding Summary | | | | |
| Unrestricted General (UGF) | 48.8 | 48.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Other State Funds (Other) | 51.5 | 0.0 | 51.5 | 0.0 |

Fiscal Note

State of Alaska 2013 Legislative Session

Bill Version: SB 95
Fiscal Note Number: 1
(H) Publish Date: 4/1/2013

Identifier:0101-OOG-OMB-3-25-2013Department:VariousTitle:STATE EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION ANDAppropriation: Various

BENEFITS Allocation: Executive Branch

Sponsor: RLS BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR OMB Component Number:

Requester: Governor

Expenditures/Revenues

| Note: Amounts do not include in | nflation unless of | otherwise noted | l below. | | | (Thousand | s of Dollars) | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|----------|---------|-----------|---------------|--|
| | | Included in | | | | | | |
| | FY2014 | Governor's | | | | | | |
| | Appropriation | FY2014 | Out-Year Cost Estimates | | | | | |
| | Requested | Request | | | | | | |
| OPERATING EXPENDITURES | FY 2014 | FY 2014 | FY 2015 | FY 2016 | FY 2017 | FY 2018 | FY 2019 | |
| Personal Services | 8,085.9 | | 4,645.6 | 10,253.2 | | | | |
| Travel | | | | | | | | |
| Services | 86.0 | | 176.2 | 390.8 | | | | |
| Commodities | | | | | | | | |
| Capital Outlay | | | | | | | | |
| Grants & Benefits | | | | | | | | |
| Miscellaneous | | | | | | | | |
| Total Operating | 8 171 9 | 0.0 | 4 821 8 | 10 644 0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | |

Fund Source (Operating Only)

| · (- p-:) | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------|---------|-----|---------|----------|-----|-----|-----|--|--|
| 1002 Fed Rcpts | 745.4 | | 310.1 | 687.9 | | | | | |
| 1003 G/F Match | 48.1 | | 26.4 | 58.7 | | | | | |
| 1004 Gen Fund | 4,623.5 | | 2,220.0 | 4,873.1 | | | | | |
| 1005 GF/Prgm | 106.7 | | 65.4 | 144.5 | | | | | |
| 1037 GF/MH | 48.8 | | 63.0 | 139.9 | | | | | |
| 1178 temp code | 2,599.4 | | 2,136.9 | 4,739.9 | | | | | |
| Total | 8,171.9 | 0.0 | 4,821.8 | 10,644.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | | |

Positions

| Full-time | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Part-time | | | | | | | | | |
| Temporary | | | | | | | | | |

| Change in Revenues | | | | |
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Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2013) cost: 0.0
Estimated CAPITAL (FY2014) cost: 0.0

ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:

Initial version.

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STATE OF ALASKA 2013 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. LL 0101

Analysis

This bill relates to the compensation, allowances, geographic differentials in pay, and leave of certain public officials, officers, and employees not covered by collective bargaining agreements, and relates to certain petroleum engineers and petroleum geologists employed by the Department of Natural Resources.

To determine the cost impacts of this bill, we first looked at the impact resulting from the Cost of Living adjustment that would take place for the Non-Covered Executive Branch employees for the years FY2014 through FY2016. Beginning in FY2014, salaries are increased by 1.0%; in FY2015 an additional 1.0%; and in FY2016 an additional 2.5%. This salary schedule matches the recently negotiated agreement that was reached between the state and the supervisory and the general government units.

We then looked at the cost of living geographical pay differential. A study of this was conducted for the state by the McDowell Group in late 2008 in accordance with AS 39.27.030. After the study was completed, the state engaged in collective bargaining with the unions representing state employees and reached agreements updating the geographic differential rates provided in collective bargaining agreements in order to bring them in line with current cost- of-living data obtained through the study. This bill seeks to amend AS 39.27.020 to provide geographic pay differentials for "non-covered" state employees in the classified and partially exempt services and legislative branch employees (excluding employees of the House and Senate) consistent with the rates negotiated for state employees in the majority of collective bargaining agreements.

Many of the geographic pay differential rates found in AS 39.27.020 are inaccurate and no longer reflect the true cost-of-living in many communities throughout the state. Amending the statute brings "non-covered" employees in line with the geographic pay differential rates of employees covered by collective bargaining agreements. In addition, the election districts listed in the current statute are no longer the best practice in terms of implementing geographic pay differential rates in that significant variation in the cost of living exists within election districts.

This bill also provides that any state employee who would otherwise have their geographic pay differential reduced based on the new geographic pay differentials established under AS 39.27.020 will instead have their current pay rate frozen for so long as the employee remains at the employee's current duty station or until salary increases or changes in the employee's position result in a higher salary than that received under the former geographic pay rate. This provision does not apply to employees who are demoted for cause or who accept a voluntary demotion. However, an employee who is demoted for cause or accepts a voluntary demotion will continue to receive the pay differential solely as a result of the location of the employee's duty station as of June 30, 2013 providing it remains unchanged.

The amounts provided are based on FY2014 salaries and includes the 1% COLA increase recently introduced. Note: Although employees in the exempt service are not subject to AS 39.27.011, and therefore AS 39.27.020, it is the pay plan from which many exempt employees are paid. This fiscal note includes the cost of implementation for the exempt service.

Section 5 removes language from AS 39.25.110(14) that makes an exception to exempt petroleum geologists employed by the Division of Geological and Geophysical Surveys (DGGS). The bill would permit DGGS to hire the Energy Resources section chief (Geologist V) at the same pay scale as its DNR counterparts, thus improving the ability to recruit for and retain an experienced senior geologist to perform critical resource evaluation work for the state at the required technical level.

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BILL NO. LL 0101

Analysis Continued

The State has attempted to recruit for this position but has been unable to attract and retain candidates with petroleum industry experience at current pay scales in this non-exempt classification.

The amounts shown in FY2015 and FY2016 include the incremental increases of the COLA.

For FY2014 the amounts include the COLA and the geographical cost differential. The amount breaks down as follows:

Cost of Living Adjustment: \$2,333.3

Geographical Differential: \$5,797.4

Dept. of Natural Resources (Petroleum Engineers/Geologists): \$41.2

Total: \$8,171.9

All of the electronic transactions have been transmitted to the Legislative Finance Division. A report showing amounts per department for FY2014 is attached.

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Operating Budget - UGF/DGF/Other/Fed Summary by Department LL 0101-OOG-OMB-3-25-2013

Scenario: FY2014 PS 0101-OOG-OMB (10636)

| Department | UGF | DGF | Other | Federal | Total | PFT | PPT | NP Pos | Total sitions |
|---|---------|-------|---------|---------|---------|-----|-----|--------|------------------|
| Department of Administration | 1,425.2 | 40.1 | 134.0 | 1.2 | 1,600.5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development | 99.1 | 162.6 | 124.1 | 0.7 | 386.5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Department of Corrections | 55.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 55.9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Department of Education and Early Development | 101.9 | 0.0 | 389.8 | 51.1 | 542.8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Department of Environmental Conservation | 25.5 | 15.9 | 1.1 | 14.7 | 57.2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Department of Fish and Game | 66.5 | 190.4 | 34.4 | 8.8 | 300.1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Office of the Governor | 682.0 | 0.0 | 6.7 | 0.8 | 689.5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Department of Health and Social Services | 132.3 | 5.2 | 72.5 | 50.6 | 260.6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Department of Labor and Workforce Development | 46.7 | 18.3 | 26.5 | 35.0 | 126.5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Department of Law | 1,442.3 | 9.0 | 358.6 | 1.1 | 1,811.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Department of Military and Veterans Affairs | 293.3 | 0.0 | 70.7 | 2.1 | 366.1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Department of Natural Resources | 133.3 | 0.9 | 77.3 | 0.0 | 211.5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Department of Public Safety | 42.3 | 7.5 | 2.6 | 0.0 | 52.4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Department of Revenue | 123.3 | 12.1 | 785.1 | 588.1 | 1,508.6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Department of Transportation/Public Facilities | 50.8 | 29.0 | 122.9 | 0.0 | 202.7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total: | 4,720.4 | 491.0 | 2,206.3 | 754.2 | 8,171.9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Fiscal Note

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Bill Version: CSSB 95(FIN)

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Fiscal Note Number:

(H) Publish Date: 4/8/2013

Identifier:SB95-LEG-LEG-04-01-13Department:VariousTitle:STATE EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION ANDAppropriation:Various

BENEFITS Allocation: Legislative Branch

Sponsor: RLS BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR OMB Component Number:

Requester: Governor

Expenditures/Revenues

| Note: Amounts do not include in | nflation unless | otherwise noted | below. | | | (Thousai | nds of Dollars) | |
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| | | Included in | | | | | | |
| | FY2014 | Governor's | | | | | | |
| | Appropriation | FY2014 | Out-Year Cost Estimates | | | | | |
| | Requested | Request | | | | | | |
| OPERATING EXPENDITURES | FY 2014 | FY 2014 | FY 2015 | FY 2016 | FY 2017 | FY 2018 | FY 2019 | |
| Personal Services | 1,281.2 | | 410.4 | 1,039.3 | | | | |
| Travel | | | | | | | | |
| Services | | | | | | | | |
| Commodities | | | | | | | | |
| Capital Outlay | | | | | | | | |
| Grants & Benefits | | | | | | | | |

Fund Source (Operating Only)

| 1004 Gen Fund | 1,281.2 | | 410.4 | 1,039.3 | | | |
|---------------|---------|-----|-------|---------|-----|-----|-----|
| Total | 1,281.2 | 0.0 | 410.4 | 1,039.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

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Positions

Miscellaneous

Total Operating

| Full-time | | | | |
|-----------|--|--|--|--|
| Part-time | | | | |
| Temporary | | | | |
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| Change in Revenues | | | | |
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Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2013) cost: 0.0
Estimated CAPITAL (FY2014) cost: 0.0

ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency?

1,281.2

If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:

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STATE OF ALASKA 2013 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. SB 95

Analysis

| SB 95 amends AS39.27 in two ways that will have fiscal impact for the Legislative Branch. The first being that the salary schedule in 39.27.011(a) is changed as follows: 1% increases in FY14 and FY15, and a 2.5% increase in FY16. The second is to the geographical differential set out in AS 39.27.020 (a). The geographical differential change will only affect FY14 and will then become part of the normal budgetary process in subsequent years. The overall impact for FY14 will be higher since it will include both the cost of living adjustment and the geographical adjustment as follows: COLA FY14 = 405.3, Geo Dif FY14 = 875.9, Total for FY14 = 1,281.2 |
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| Each following fiscal year will only show the increase for COLA. |
| These increases do not apply to Legislators, as their salary is recommended by the State Officers Compensation Commission. |
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Fiscal Note

State of Alaska 2013 Legislative Session

Bill Version: CSSB 95(FIN)

Fiscal Note Number:

Court System

Department: Various

Appropriation: Various

Allocation:

(H) Publish Date: 4/8/2013

Identifier: CSSB95(FIN)-ACS-000-04-08-13 Title:

STATE EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION AND

BENEFITS

RLS BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR **OMB Component Number:**

Requester: Alaska Court System

Expenditures/Revenues

Sponsor:

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars)

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|-------------------------------|---------------|-------------|-------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--|
| | FY2014 | Governor's | | | | | | |
| | Appropriation | FY2014 | Out-Year Cost Estimates | | | | | |
| | Requested | Request | | | | | | |
| OPERATING EXPENDITURES | FY 2014 | FY 2014 | FY 2015 | FY 2016 | FY 2017 | FY 2018 | FY 2019 | |
| Personal Services | 1,088.7 | | 749.1 | 1,890.9 | | | | |
| Travel | | | | | | | | |
| Services | | | | | | | | |
| Commodities | | | | | | | | |
| Capital Outlay | | | | | | | | |
| Grants & Benefits | | | | | | | | |
| Miscellaneous | | | | | | | | |
| Total Operating | 1,088.7 | 0.0 | 749.1 | 1,890.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | |

Fund Source (Operating Only)

| 1004 Gen Fund | 1,088.7 | | 749.1 | 1,890.9 | | | |
|---------------|---------|-----|-------|---------|-----|-----|-----|
| Total | 1,088.7 | 0.0 | 749.1 | 1,890.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

Positions

| Full-time | | | | |
|-----------|--|--|--|--|
| Part-time | | | | |
| Temporary | | | | |

| Change in Revenues | | | | |
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Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2013) cost: 0.0 Estimated CAPITAL (FY2014) cost: 0.0

ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:

This version includes a geographic differential for the judges and justices.

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STATE OF ALASKA 2013 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. CSSB 95(FIN)

Analysis

This bill relates to the compensation, allowances, and geographic differentials in pay and leave of certain public officials, officers, and employees not covered by collective bargaining agreements. The salary increases apply to all employees and judges in the judicial branch. The fiscal note reflects the cost for a salary increase of 1% beginning in FY14; 1% for FY15; and 2.5% for FY16. This schedule of increases is comparable to increases negotiated for the supervisory and general government units. Following is the cost of the salary increase by fiscal year:

| Budget Unit | FY14 | FY15 | FY16 |
|------------------------------|-------|-------|---------|
| Appellate Courts | 57.3 | 57.9 | 146.1 |
| Trial Courts | 589.8 | 595.5 | 1,503.0 |
| Administration | 79.9 | 80.6 | 203.7 |
| Therapeutic Courts | 5.4 | 5.5 | 13.8 |
| Subtotal Alaska Court System | 732.4 | 739.5 | 1,866.6 |
| Judicial Council | 7.0 | 7.1 | 17.9 |
| Judicial Conduct | 2.5 | 2.5 | 6.4 |
| Total Judicial Branch | 741.9 | 749.1 | 1,890.9 |

The fiscal note for the judicial branch also includes the following amendments relative to the geographic differentials paid to judges:

AS 22.05.140(c) is amended to read:

(c) In addition to the monthly salary, each justice is entitled to receive a geographic cost-of-living adjustment on \$100,000 of the justice's base salary [UNDER AS 22.35.010] based on the location of the primary office assignment. The adjustment shall be calculated using the geographic pay differential percentages set out in AS 39.27.020(a). Retirement contributions and benefits shall be computed only on the monthly base salary not including the geographic cost-of-living adjustment.

AS 22.10.190(c) is amended to read:

(c) In addition to the monthly salary, each superior court judge is entitled to receive a geographic cost-of-living adjustment on \$100,000 of the judge's base salary [UNDER AS 22.35.010] based on the location of the primary office assignment. The adjustment shall be calculated using the geographic pay differential percentages set out in AS 39.27.020(a). Retirement contributions and benefits shall be computed only on the monthly base salary not including the geographic cost-of-living adjustment.

AS 22.15.220(d) is amended to read:

(d) In addition to the monthly salary, each superior court judge is entitled to receive a geographic cost-of-living adjustment on \$100,000 of the judge's base salary [UNDER AS 22.35.010] based on the location of the primary office assignment. The adjustment shall be calculated using the geographic pay differential percentages set out in AS 39.27.020(a). Retirement contributions and benefits shall be computed only on the monthly base salary not including the geographic cost-of-living adjustment.

AS 22.35.010 is repealed.

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BILL NO. CSSB 95(FIN)

Analysis Continued

Alaska Court System
CSSB95(FIN) - Geographic Differential for Judges'

4/8/2013

| Court Locations w/Geographic Differentials | FY13 Base Salary | Statutory Judicial Geo- Diff % | Current Geographic Differential Payment Per Judge By Location | Total Current Geographic Payment for All Locations | SB95 % Proposed Geo-Diff for FY14 | SB95 Amounts Paid on \$100,000 Base Per Judge | Total SB95 Proposed Geographic Payment for All Locations |
|--|---------------------|--------------------------------------|--|---|--|--|--|
| Fairbanks (6) | 181,440 | 3.5% | 1,400 | 8,400 | 3.0% | 3,000 | 18,000 |
| Kodiak (1) | 181,440 | 10.5% | 4,200 | 4,200 | 11.0% | 11,000 | 11,000 |
| Dillingham (1) | 181,440 | 17.5% | 7,000 | 7,000 | 37.0% | 37,000 | 37,000 |
| Bethel (2) | 181,440 | 17.5% | 7,000 | 14,000 | 50.0% | 50,000 | 100,000 |
| Barrow (1) | 181,440 | 17.5% | 7,000 | 7,000 | 50.0% | 50,000 | 50,000 |
| Nome (1) | 181,440 | 17.5% | 7,000 | 7,000 | 37.0% | 37,000 | 37,000 |
| Kotzebue (1) | 181,440 | 17.5% | 7,000 | 7,000 | 60.0% | 60,000 | 60,000 |
| Juneau (2) | 181,440 | 0.0% | - | - | 5.0% | 5,000 | 10,000 |
| Sitka (1) | 181,440 | 0.0% | - | - | 5.0% | 5,000 | 5,000 |
| District Courts: | | | | | | | |
| Fairbanks (3) | 153,840 | 3.5% | 1,400 | 4,200 | 3.0% | 3,000 | 9,000 |
| Valdez (1) | 153,840 | 10.5% | 4,200 | 4,200 | 11.0% | 11,000 | 11,000 |
| Bethel (1) | 153,840 | 17.5% | 7,000 | 7,000 | 50.0% | 50,000 | 50,000 |
| Juneau (2) | 153,840 | 0.0% | - | - | 5.0% | 5,000 | 10,000 |
| Total Gross Wages for All Judges | | | | 70,000 | | | 408,000 |
| Fringe Benefits @ 2.59% | | | | 1,813 | | | 10,567 |
| | | | | 71,813 | | | 418,567 |

Increased Cost of Changes to Differentials

346,800

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As is the case with other state employees, some judges currently receive a geographic differential. Unlike other state employees, however, a judge's geographic differential is calculated only upon the first \$40,000 of salary, not the entire salary. Additionally, the geographic differential paid to some judges is substantially lower than the differential paid to other state employees in the same location. For example, second district judges in Kotzeube are paid a 17.5% geographic differential, while other state employees in this community are paid 60%.